

The IFDS Executive Committee met by telephone at 19:30 – 21:30 hours BST on Wednesday 30 March 2011.

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Present:	CT – Costas Tsantilis – IFDS Vice-President
IFDS Executive Committee	JT – John Twomey – IFDS Vice-President
LM - Linda Merkle – IFDS President	ISAF
BD – Bernard Destrube - IFDS Vice-President	EL – Emma Little – ISAF Disabled Sailing Secretary
WK – Wilfried Klein – IFDS Vice-resident	Apologies
HS – Henry Sleutel – IFDS Vice-President	TL – Teresa Lara – ISAF Vice-President

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of 17 January 2011 were noted.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

The production of the IFDS Bulletin was summarized. The idea of adding more images to the text was discussed and would be implemented for the next bulletin.

EL

2. Finance

(a) IFDS Finances.

JT

John confirmed that he was waiting for an update on the IFDS Finances. Currently he has online access to the bank account, but is having difficulty in translating the information from Dutch to English.

(b) IFDS Recognized National Authorities

i) As at Wednesday 30 March 2011, the following countries had settled their 2011 IFDS RNA Subscription:

- Australia;
- Brazil;
- Switzerland;
- Turkey;
- Netherlands.

Information related to other countries which may have paid was

unavailable at the meeting.

- ii) 2011 IFDS RNA Subscription Fees, Malaysia and Puerto Rico

Decision

With regards to the payment of the 2011 IFDS RNA Subscription Fee from Malaysia and Puerto Rico it was confirmed that the IFDS will only accept the payment through the IFDS Recognized National Authority. EL

- (c) IFDS Insurance.

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

- (d) IFDS Bank Account, GBR

It was confirmed that IFDS will be opening a bank account in Southampton, Great Britain. Once the account is open the amount collected online from IFDS International Classification Fees will be transferred. EL, JT

- (e) IPC Grant

Linda provided IPC with information needed to support IFDS's application for the IPC Grant; it was confirmed that 50% of the IPC Grant had been received.

IFDS thanked Linda for providing the information to IPC and securing the grant for 2011.

- (f) Unpaid IFDS International Classification Fees

The number of unpaid IFDS International Classification Fees has now been significantly reduced.

Decision

Individuals with unpaid Classification Fees would be contacted and informed that if they do not settle any outstanding fees prior to the start of an IFDS event, then they will not be able to participate in that event. BD

3. Events

- (a) 2011 IFDS World Championships, Weymouth, GBR

- i) Entries

The IFDS Technical Delegate, Costas confirmed that the organizing authority was concerned about the low number of people registered to compete in this event.

Decision

The IFDS would help by:

- **publishing a reminder of the entry deadline, in the IFDS Bulletin;**
- **recommending that the Chair of the IFDS Coaches**

EL

- **Commission would be contacted.**
- **recommending that the event organizers contact the IFDS RNA's individually, regarding their intention to participate in the event.**

LM
EL

- (b) 2012 IFDS World Championships, Port Charlotte, USA

The Technical Delegate, Henry confirmed that preparations for this event were progressing and the event website will be going live shortly.

- (c) 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition

It was confirmed that there had been a change in the management and Costas would now be dealing directly with Peter Allam and Sandra Robinson.

- (d) IFDS Disabled Sailing International Championships, 2011, Homerus Blind Match Racing

IFDS Technical Delegate, David Staley's report was distributed and thanks were expressed to David for making the event a success. With regards to Appendix K for Blind Sailing, Henry will contact David to discuss further.

HS

4. ISAF Documents

- (a) ISAF Race Management Policies

It was felt that IFDS should reflect the ISAF Race Management Policies in their documents, which would result in a similar quality of event being offered across the whole sport. The implementation of the policies would be done gradually.

- (b) ISAF Regulation 24.3.1

The implementation of ISAF Regulation 24.3.1 was discussed. This would be discussed further by Linda and Teresa Lara and by John, Wilfried and Alistair Fox during the ISAF Mid-Year Meeting, St Petersburg, Russia, May 2011.

JT, WK,
LM

Decision

ISAF Vice President will be contacted regarding guidance on ISAF Regulation 24.3.1.

LM

5. Meetings

- (a) ISAF UK, March 2011

Linda provided a summary of her and Bernard's meetings in Southampton and confirmed that ISAF are keen to help IFDS with their activities.

The meetings which took place included:

Meeting with Helen Fry regarding Anti-Doping;

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Meeting with Dan Jaspers, ISAF Training and Development Manager;

Meeting with Jerome Pels, ISAF Secretary General and Jason Smithwick,

Head of Technical & Offshore Department;
Meeting with Alistair Fox, ISAF Events Manager;
Meeting with LOCOG representatives.

Linda expressed her thanks to Emma and the staff at ISAF UK for taking the time to meet with her and Bernard during their meetings.

Linda confirmed that the meetings were very positive and ISAF's willingness to help IFDS was obvious.

(b) WADA Meeting, March 2011

Bernard summarized the positive outcome of his attendance of the WADA Symposium in Lausanne, Switzerland and indicated that he now needs to move forward as planned with ISAF.

(c) 2011 IFDS Annual General Meeting, Puerto Rico

The dates of the next IFDS Annual General Meeting, Puerto Rico were confirmed as:

Monday 7 November 2011 – IFDS Development Seminar, Open
09:30 – 13:30.

Monday 7 November 2011 – IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs Meeting,
Closed
14:30 – 18:00. In preparation for the AGM.

Tuesday 8 November 2011 – IFDS Annual General Meeting, Open
09:30 – 18:00.

Wednesday 9 November 2011 – Morning debrief as needed, Closed.

(d) Next IFDS Executive & Committee Chair Meeting

It was agreed that the next IFDS Executive & Committee Chairs meeting will be at 19.00 BST, Tuesday 24 May 2011.

6. IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission (EEC)

John Twomey confirmed that the EEC had met by phone and the commission had decided that 2 boats from each of the proposed equipment should be made available prior to the IFDS World Disabled Sailing Championship, Weymouth, Great Britain.

JT, EL

7. Website

A summary of <http://ifds.org/> was given.

Decision

It was confirmed that Wilfried and Bernard will discuss the technical aspects of the site.

BD, WK

8. Any other Business

- (a) Paralympic Awards

Decision

The awards where IFDS could nominate someone would be investigated.

LM

- (b) IFDS Rankings

The IFDS Rankings had been released and could be found on www.sailing.org/disabled

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

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